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SUBJECT: PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE 87-13 - 43RD UNHRC - THE  
ERRACORA REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN AFGHANISTAN  
REFERENCE: USIA 04241-C; 01 USIA 12756

1. THIS GUIDANCE PROVIDES AN ALERT ON THE ISSUE OF AFGHANISTAN AT THE 43RD SESSION OF THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION IN GENEVA. IT SUPPLEMENTS REFTEL (A), PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE 87-03, WHICH PROVIDES AN OVERVIEW OF AGENCY SUPPORT FOR THE U.S. AGENDA AT THE CURRENT SESSION OF THE UNHRC, AND REFTEL (B), PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE 87-11, WHICH PROVIDES A LIST OF PUBLIC THEMES (TALKING POINTS) ON AFGHANISTAN.

2. ON FEBRUARY 25, THE UNHRC RELEASED THE THIRD IN A SERIES OF REPORTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN AFGHANISTAN PREPARED BY SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR FELIX ENNACORA. AGENCY WILL PROVIDE THE FULL TEXT OF THE 12-PAGE REPORT AS SOON AS RECEIVED. AN ARTICLE DESCRIBING THE REPORT APPEARED IN THE FEBRUARY 26 WIRELESS FILE. POSTS MAY ALSO DRAW ON THE TEXT OF THE OCTOBER 31, 1986 INTERIM REPORT TO THE UNGA, WHICH WAS REPRODUCED AND DISTRIBUTED BY THE AGENCY.

3. IN HIS INTRODUCTION TO THE REPORT, ENNACORA NOTES THAT HE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO VISIT AFGHANISTAN. HE RECEIVED "NO REPLY" FROM THE AFGHAN FOREIGN MINISTER TO HIS REQUEST TO VISIT. HE HAS VISITED REFUGEE CAMPS IN PAKISTAN MADE HELICOPTER-FLIGHTS ALONG THE PAKISTAN-AFGHAN BORDER.

4. A GROUP OF UNHRC DELEGATIONS, LED BY PAKISTAN, IS INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR ANOTHER ONE-YEAR RENEWAL OF THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR'S MANDATE. THAT RESOLUTION WILL COME TO A VOTE BEFORE THE UNHRC SESSION CONCLUDES MARCH 13.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: USDEL UNHRC AND AGENCY MEDIA WILL PROVIDE FULL COVERAGE OF EVENTS ON THIS ISSUE FOR POSTS PRIORITY USE. THIS WILL INCLUDE ACTIVITIES OF AN AFGHAN MUJAHIDEEN ALLIANCE DELEGATION, IN GENEVA TO PROVIDE FIRST PERSON TESTIMONY TO THE UNHRC. POSTS SHOULD ALSO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE MEDIA REACTION REPORTING THIS ISSUE WITH INFO COPIES TO USMISSION GENEVA FOR USDEL UNHRC.

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